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My Dear Friend:

According to your request by Mr. Earle I send you on 170 copies more of the portraits. You & the binder are entirely mistaken in supposing that there were not 500 copies sent on. According to the printers ~~account~~ who ~~sent~~ worked them off & received his pay per hundred, and according to the count of the woman who folded them, beside Mr. Sansons, the master printer there were precisely 500 in the bundle. They were not disturbed in the flightest by me, when they were sent to me to be forwarded; and just as certain as you received one copy, you rec^d 500. So the mistake has occurred in Boston. Most probably your binder has mislaid a parcel. I feel very little concern about the matter; still I want you to understand that the loss of time & the additional expense are not to be ~~put~~ ^{paid} to my account.

From the circumstance of there being 170 pictures that I presume you must have a good many copies of the book left over. But few of them will sell, most probably. Will you not therefore send me

a sufficient number of copies to compensate for the loss of time & additional cost? If you do so you will in estimating the compensation, ^{doubtless} consider the diminished value of the book. This is my view of what would be right, though if you judge differently I shall cheerfully abide by your judgment. - The books will be of little use me probably - except as presents.

We have not heard a word from Boston since Mr Earle left: - owing to the obstruction of navigation by the ice. A copy of the Freeman which I send you will show you about how much information we have had of your Mass. meetings.

I was surprised to hear that up to the time Mr Earle left, no action had been taken to relieve the embarrassments of the National Society. Do you mean to do nothing efficiently & speedily to pay that debt?

The circular of the Finance Com^{tee} appointed at the Decennial M^{tg} of which S. H. Gay is chairman was submitted to our Ex. Com. last Monday evening informally by S. Ough with a view of ascertaining what could probably be done in Penn^a towards its object, and each member of the Com^{tee} expressed the

opinion that no effort ought to be made to
raise more money in this state under
present circumstances for the Am. Society;
that our members had given to the full ex-
tent, if not of their abilities - of their confidence,
and that any further effort would ~~probably~~
most likely ~~to~~ be not only fruitless but inju-
dicial to the cause. Sarah Pugh was advised
to write to New York - whence the circular
came - & to say that no additional expendi-
tures ought to be made by the Am. Society
predicated on expectations of aid from Penn^a.
No objections were made to paying our
share - whatever that might be - of the old
debt, but decided opposition was expressed to
any increase of it under the impression
that we should be responsible for its pay-
ment. S. Pugh was also ~~not~~ advised to
write to Mr. Fay to the same purpose; so that
unless you, in Boston were fully determined
to take the responsibility of the matter resting
on your own shoulders, our friends in New York
might be advised of how little they had to ex-
pect.

We should be glad if the Standard could
be maintained by the common aid & confidence
of abolitionists, ~~so and so be made~~ but we think

to countenance its continuance
morally wrong, without a certain purpose of that
the means of its support will be forthcoming.
How do you feel in this matter? We
should like to hear.

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